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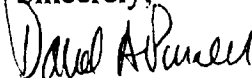
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion about the recent settlement between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. This case has dragged on way too long and should be settled as soon as possible. Microsoft has been a leading innovator or technology, has contributed to technological advancement of our nation, and has added jobs to our market. They should not be reprimanded, but instead applauded.

The terms of the settlement are hardly favorable for Microsoft. They force Microsoft to disclose internal interfaces and protocols to their competitors. It also prohibits Microsoft from retaliating against computer makers and software developers who ship or promote non-Microsoft products that compete with Windows operating system.

But, I am happy to see that Microsoft will not be broken up and do think it is in our best interest to allow Microsoft to focus on business, not politics. We need the cornerstone of the tech sector at its strongest. The attorney general hopefully will do all it can to make state and federal litigation end and free up our private sector for an economic resurgence.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senator Rick Santorum